

Aviation, Aerospace and Defense Support Arizona

Arizona's 15 counties are home to 67 publicly owned, public-use airports that support the economic vitality and quality of life within the Grand Canyon State. These airports host commercial passenger service; world-class general aviation (GA) activities such as flight training, skydiving, and aerial tours; and air cargo while serving as regional job centers and economic engines in their communities. In addition to Arizona's airports, cutting-edge aerospace and defense companies and numerous United States (U.S.) military installations with a significant aviation-related component are in the state.

The 2021 Arizona Aviation Economic Impact Study (AEIS) commissioned by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Aeronautics Group examines the impacts of these three vital aspects of aviation and aerospace in Arizona.

Together airports, aerospace manufacturing, and U.S. military installations contribute over \$121.4 billion to our economy every year—providing a foundation for Arizona's culture of growth, innovation, and economic prosperity.

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC IMPACT **\$121.4 Billion**



What is Economic Impact?

The 2021 Arizona AEIS measured how economic activity at the state's commercial service and GA airports stimulated the Arizona economy in 2019. Impacts are generated by airport administration and business tenant employees working on airport property, capital improvement spending, and the thousands of out-of-state and international visitors who fly to Arizona and bring new money into our economy. In turn, airport administration and on-airport business tenants purchase goods from suppliers (indirect impacts) and airport workers spend the money they earn (induced impacts), generating successive waves of economic impacts in Arizona.

The economic impacts of aerospace manufacturing and 59 Arizona airports were modeled by IHS Markit using IMPLAN (2019). Eight airports requested that their independently conducted studies be incorporated into the 2021 Arizona AEIS study results (2019). The impacts of military operations were obtained from the *Economic Impacts of Arizona's Principal Military Operations* commissioned by the Military Affairs Commission and prepared by The Maguire Company (2017).

For more details about the 2021 Arizona AEIS, including the full Technical Report, visit azdot.gov/planning/airport-development/links-and-resources-airport-development

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ARIZONA AVIATION ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

Greenlee County



Tucked in the Gila Mountains, Greenlee County is the second-smallest county by land area and the least populous in the state. Most of the county is sparsely inhabited due to the mountainous terrain, with only two incorporated towns, three U.S. Census-designated places and six unincorporated communities.¹ Greenlee County Airport (CFT), a GA airfield located near Morenci, is the only public-use airport in the county. Greenlee County's economy is dominated by mineral extraction activities due to the presence of a large copper mine near Morenci operated by Freeport McMoRan (FCX). The largest employer in the county, FCX employs more than 3,500 workers representing more than 90 percent of the county's workforce.² Other large employers include the Morenci Unified School District and the Greenlee County Government.

Greenlee County has several points of interest that attract visitors from around the region. The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest offers bountiful space for hiking, camping, fishing, and hunting. Other notable scenic areas include the Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area and Guthrie Peak.

[1] U.S. Census Bureau (2021). [2] Maricopa Association of Governments (2020).

County Demographics



Population
9,500



Employment
3,509

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2019)

Top Business Sectors



Mineral Extraction



Retail Trade



Administrative Support Services

Congressional District
1

Legislative District
14



* County Seat
✈ GA Airport

Did You Know?

225 million pounds of copper are produced annually by Freeport-McMoRan at the Morenci mine. The company regularly uses Greenlee County Airport (CFT) to transport goods and personnel to and from the mining community.

STATEWIDE Economic Impacts of Arizona Airports



Jobs
386,058



Earnings
\$20.4B

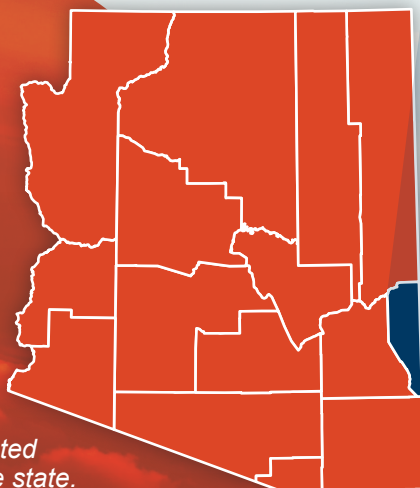


Economic Activity
\$59.4B



Tax Impacts
\$3.5B

Arizona's airports contributed
\$33.0B in value added to the state.



GREENLEE COUNTY Economic Impacts of Airport



Jobs: **3**
Number of full- and part-time persons employed



Earnings: **\$171,000**
Total compensation paid to workers including wages and benefits



Economic Activity (Output): **\$557,000**
Value of sales that occur in the Arizona economy that are ultimately attributable to airport activities



Tax Impacts: **\$25,000**
Airports' direct economic impacts result in local and state tax revenues.